(e) what has been the investment and cost of power generation of Chandrapur (2x500 M.W). Bhatinda (2x210 M.W.) and Suratgarh (2x250 M.W.) power stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Total installed capacity for Dhabol Power Project will be 2015 MW Phase-I comprising of 695 MW and Phase II of 1320 MW. The likely power generation from Dhabol Power Project Phase-I will be 5324 MUs per annum from the date of commissioning. Total power generation at 90 percent plant load factor for 2015 MW will be 15501 MUs per annum after commissioning of both the phases. Capital cost facility, the costs of associated infrastructure being consructed by Government of Maharashtra and MSEB such as roads, water etc, and interest during construction. The implementation of Phase-II is delinked from Phase-I, with no legal binding on the parties to proceed with the Phase-II.

(b) Construction of Phase-I is estimated to start after financial closure and the plant is estimated to come on stream in May, 1977. Bechtel (USA) will be the main contractors and General Electric (USA), the main equipment supplier.

(c) There will not be any outgo of foreign exchange during the instalation period.

(d) The likely cost of power generation for Phase-II will be Rs. 2.40 per Kwh.

(e) The details are given below:

S. No.	Name of the project	Investment	Cost of power generation
1.	Bhatinda (2x210 MW)	Rs. 822.37 Crs. (including IDC)	110.91 paise/Kwh
2.	Suratgarh (2x250 MW)	Rs. 1253L31 Crs	136 paise/Kwh

The information in respect of Chandrapura (2x500 MW) is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

NRI/Foreign Investment in Power Sector

1042. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister invited Non-Resident Indian (NRIs) and foreign companies to make investments in the power setcor in India during his visit to USA;

(b) whether any offers for investments in power sector have been received from them in response to that invitation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) As on date, proposals have been received from US based Private companies for setting up of 22 Power Projects for a total capacity addition of 11589 MW costing approx. Rs. 38122 crores.

Curtailment of electricity supply to States by NTPC

1043. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation proposes to curtial